

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 1A front fork for a motorcycle, comprising:~~  
~~a slide pipe slidably provided within a cylinder tube; and~~  
~~a working fluid chamber provided within the cylinder tube and the slide pipe, wherein~~  
~~upper and lower guide bushes coated with a polytetrafluoroethylene and an oil seal~~  
~~sealing the fluid chamber disposed in an inner periphery of the cylinder tube so as to be in slide~~  
~~contact with an outer peripheral surface of the slide pipe, and~~  
~~an amorphous hard carbon film disposed on the outer peripheral surface of the slide~~  
~~pipe,~~  
    wherein grooves having a fine depth and holding the working fluid are formed on a surface of the amorphous hard carbon film.
3. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein the grooves have a depth between 0.09 and 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- 4-20. (Cancelled)
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 3, wherein grooves having a fine depth and holding the working fluid are formed in a net shape on a surface of the amorphous hard carbon film.
23. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 22, wherein the grooves have a depth between 0.09 and 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$ .
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein an average roughness of the amorphous hard carbon film surface formed on the outer peripheral surface of the slide pipe is  $\text{Ra} = 7.3 \text{ \AA}$ .

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26. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein the low speed operation range is from 0.01 m/sec to 0.1 m/sec and the high speed operation range is more than 0.1 m/sec.